



## Virgin Islands National Park News Release

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### Virgin Islands National Park Initiating User Fee Increase for Trunk Bay Facilities and Boat Moorings Park-wide beginning January 1st, 2016.

St John, VI – Virgin Islands National Park will increase visitor expanded amenity fees at Trunk Bay as well as overnight boat mooring fees. The fee increase will take effect January 1st, 2016.

Park user fees for Trunk Bay facilities and moorings will increase on January 1, 2016:

<b>Trunk Bay</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>January 1, 2016</b>
Individual Day Pass	\$ 4	\$ 5
Individual Annual Pass	\$10	\$20
Family Annual Pass	\$15	\$30
America the Beautiful Pass	\$7.50	\$15
Federal Recreation Senior and Access Pass	\$7.50	\$15
Military Pass	Free	Free
<b>Boat Moorings</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>January 1, 2016</b>
Overnight Boat Mooring	\$15	\$26
Overnight Anchoring (two authorized locations only)	\$15	\$26

The Expanded Amenity Fee at Trunk Bay is not charged to persons under 16 years of age. Holders of the America the Beautiful Pass, National Parks Pass, and Federal Recreational Senior and Access Passes all allow the holder to pay half price for their entrance into Trunk Bay and/or for the moorings. The Military pass allows the holder and 3 people with them in to Trunk Bay for free.

These passes also may be obtained at the Park.

The public was invited to submit written comments on the proposed increase during an open house held on January 28th, 2015, and during a public comment period from January 28th to February 17th, 2015. Comments received overwhelmingly supported the increase. Following that effort the park gained approval of the National Park Service Headquarters to increase the fees as described.

“The best thing about the fee program is that the park keeps approximately 77% of the money collected in the park for park projects.” said Virgin Islands National Park Superintendent Brion FitzGerald. “In 2014, fee

revenues were used to rehabilitate the restrooms at the park visitor center in Cruz Bay and in 2015 the Trunk Bay shower and restroom facilities received a facelift, including new fixtures, sky lights, roofs and gutters. A contract is currently in place for pavement of the first ½ mile of the Francis Bay Road eliminating the heavily eroded section, also using fee dollars. Additional revenue raised by the fee increase will continue to be used to better maintain all park facilities and ensure they remain in good condition.”

Virgin Islands National Park and Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument are strong economic engines for the Territory. In 2014, more than 400,000 park visitors spent \$59,773,800 in communities near the parks. That spending supported 789 jobs related to tourism.

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